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Re: Dispatch of Decision Guidance Documents and request for submission of import responses on carbofuran; trichlorfon; short-chain chlorinated paraffins; and tributyltin compounds

Dear Designated National Authority,

At its eighth meeting, by decisions RC-8/2, RC-8/3, RC-8/4 and RC-8/5, the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade agreed to amend Annex III of the Convention to list therein the following chemicals:

- **Carbofuran;**
- **Trichlorfon;**
- **Short-chain chlorinated paraffins; and**
- **Tributyltin compounds.**

The amendments to the Convention will enter into force for all Parties on 15 September 2017. A copy of the depositary notification (Reference: C.N.489.2017.TREATIES-XXVII.14) containing the full text of these amendments in the six official United Nations languages is enclosed with this letter (enclosure 1).

Article 10, paragraph 2, of the Rotterdam Convention provides that each Party shall transmit to the Secretariat, as soon as possible, and in any event no later than nine months after the date of dispatch of the Decision Guidance Document (DGD) for a chemical, a response concerning the future import of the chemical concerned. The Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention is herewith distributing the DGDs for the above listed chemicals (enclosure 2), to all Parties with the request that they submit to the Secretariat their response concerning the future import of these chemicals by **15 June 2018**.

The attention of the Parties is drawn to the fact that the listing of **tributyltin compounds** by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties refers to the industrial category. At its fourth meeting, the Conference of the Parties listed tributyltin compounds in Annex III of the Convention under the pesticides category and a corresponding decision guidance document was adopted. A revised decision guidance document covering both the pesticides and industrial categories was adopted by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Consequently, all Parties are to transmit to the Secretariat their response concerning the future import of tributyltin compounds relating to the industrial category in addition to the pesticide category.

To: Rotterdam Convention Designated National Authorities
cc: Rotterdam Convention Official Contact Points

The import responses of your country may be transmitted using the on-line import response form (available at <http://www.pic.int/Procedures/ImportResponses/FormandInstructions/tabid/1165/language/en-US/Default.aspx>) or the enclosed word form (enclosure 3). In the later case, the original of the completed form, signed, dated and affixed with the official seal of the replying authority, should be sent to the Secretariat, with a copy retained for your records. Further copies of the import response form and instructions, as well as the DGDs may be found in English, French and Spanish on the Rotterdam Convention web site <http://www.pic.int>.

Article 10, paragraph 3, requires that the Secretariat, at the expiration of the time period indicated in paragraph 2, address to a Party that has not provided such a response, a written request to do so. The Secretariat will fulfil this obligation by listing in Appendix IV of PIC Circular XLVIII (scheduled to be dispatched in December 2018) those Parties that have failed to transmit import responses for these chemicals.

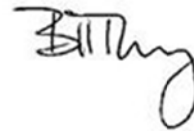
If your country has nominated more than one Designated National Authority, you are kindly requested to submit consolidated responses regarding the future import of these chemicals.

Thank you for your continued support of the Rotterdam Convention. We look forward to hearing from you in due course. Please contact the Secretariat at the addresses provided in the letterhead if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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and Stockholm Conventions



Bill Murray
Executive Secretary of the Rotterdam
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Enclosures:

- Enclosure 1: Depositary notification on the amendments
- Enclosure 2: Decision Guidance Document for the above listed chemicals
- Enclosure 3: Import response form and instructions